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## MONTHLY PROJECT STATUS REPORT

FOR MONTH OF  
February 1952DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B

1. CRYPTONYM. <b>BOPIED</b>	2. DIVISION OR BRANCH <b>SS/PC-1</b>	3. COUNTRY(S) <b>Albania</b>	NAZI WAR CRIMES DIVISION DATE 2007	PERCENT	DATE
5. PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARAMILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT					
6. FINANCIAL MECHANISM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIRECT <input type="checkbox"/> SUBSIDY <input type="checkbox"/> PROPRIETARY <input type="checkbox"/> PURCHASE OF SERVICES					
7. PHASE <input type="checkbox"/> PLANNING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATING <input type="checkbox"/> TERMINATED					
8. FUNDING					
FY ALLOTMENTS TOTAL TO DATE	OBLIGATIONS CURRENT MONTH	FY OBLIGATIONS CUMUL. TO DATE	UNOBLIGATED BALANCE		
9. NAME OF CASE OFFICER	ROOM NO. <b>1315-J</b>	EXTENSION <b>671</b>	SIGNATURE		

10. FACTS, EVALUATION AND COMMENT: (Use additional plain sheet if necessary)

**A. Mission**

See Sections II and III, Part II of the "Country Plan for Albania" for a discussion of the cold war mission and tasks.

**B. Accomplishments****(1) Paramilitary**

a. There was no infiltration of BOPIED teams into Albania during the month of February. However, a letter has recently been received from the leader of one of the three agent teams dropped into Albania in November, 1950 which provides us with new information on this team, which we have previously considered as having defected to the Yugoslavs. The letter stated that immediately after landing in Albania the team was forced to enter Yugoslavia where they rallied 16 comrades and re-entered Albania after a battle with the Yugoslav Security Police. After an encounter with the "Albanian Army" the group divided into four parties all of which were ultimately attacked by the security forces. Of the twenty men who began this mission, only six survived. The letter states that the survivors are in Yugoslavia awaiting instructions from the HPA.

Although there is every reason to believe that the survivors of this BOPIED team are under Yugoslav control, there may be some truth in the team leader's report that adherents were readily found in the Khasova. The report also provides additional confirmation of the strength and efficiency of the Albanian Security Police.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Teams	0	0	9
Infiltrators	0	0	39
Exfiltrators	0	0	12 <sup>3</sup>

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Active (presently wintering in Yugoslavia)	4	4	4
Defected to Yugoslavia	0	0	6
Captured	0	0	4
Killed	0	0	9
Status Unknown	3	3	3

b. Food parcels and money were sent during February to the four man team which is wintering in Prison, Yugoslavia.

c. Plans are proceeding to affect the movement for Zog's supporters from Egypt via Paris and Munich to Greece where they will be infiltrated into Albania.

d. One three man team dropped in West Central Albania last October has not yet been heard from.

e. No supply drops were attempted during the month of February.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Supply Missions	0	0	13
Supply Missions successful	0	0	4
Total Weight	0	0	4 tons

(2) Political

a. Psychological Warfare - The Voice of Free Albania, the BOFIED clandestine radio station near Athens, has increased its broadcast schedule to three times daily. It is hoped that this enlarged schedule will increase the chances of the station being heard within Albania despite the adverse atmospheric conditions which pervade that area during the winter months. The BOFIED psychological warfare officer has reported that he travelled to Northern Greece with a portable radio in an effort to determine the quality of the VFA signal. He reported that the quality of the signal in that area coupled with the bad atmospheric conditions confirmed the fact that reception in the target area is uncertain. Although there have been reports of jamming, the P/W officer reported that he did not hear jamming while in Northern Greece.

b. Publications -

(1) The NCFA semi-monthly newspaper Shqipëria, printed in Rome, was published on schedule.

(2) 50,000 copies of the eighth issue of the miniature edition of Shqipëria was printed in New York per normal routine and sent to Athens to be used in air drops over Albania. 597907

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Shqiperia (issues)	2	2	35
Miniature Shqiperia (issues)	1	1	8
Miniature Shqiperia (copies)	50,000	50,000	400,000

c. The fourth issue of the MCFA newsletter, was published on the fourth of February in Rome and mailed to more than 3000 persons throughout the world. The newsletter will continue to be published irregularly in English, French and Italian.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Newsletter	1	1	4

d. The third propaganda supply drop was effected on the night of 26 February over the coastal area of Southern Albania. The target was an area just South of the town of Valona. The BOFEND covert plane dropped a cargo of 2,058 pounds which included free-fall 1 pound bags of flour and parachute-borne cans of scarce consumer goods such as macaroni, rice, raisins and salt. Exact details of this drop have not yet been received from the field.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Prop/Supply Cans	No. Unknown	900	1700 plus
Flour Bags	No. Unknown	250	750 plus

e. No leaflets were dropped over Albania during the month of February.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current no.</u>	<u>Previous no.</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Leaflet	0	213,000	3,713,000

f. Political Developments - The OPC and British service representatives to the MCFA have submitted a tentative agenda for a proposed meeting of the general committee called to broaden the MCFA. This agenda was prepared for consideration at the forthcoming FIEND/VALUABLE London meeting which will discuss the future role of the MCFA and settle the outstanding problems existing between FIEND/VALUABLE that have developed since the October Rome meeting.

g. Intelligence - Unsubstantiated reports have been received of a revolution which allegedly took place in Albania on 29 February. It was supposedly led by the secretary of the Central Committee of the Albanian Workers Party. Unfortunately, details of these reports have not been received.

Another important intelligence development brought to our attention during the month is a report from Istanbul that King Zog is sending an emissary to Tito to attempt to effect an alliance whereby Tito would maintain a hands off policy in the event the Zogist forces were successful in fomenting a coup in Albania or a revolution against the Hoxha regime.

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(3) Economic

No report

(4) Support

a. Training - Three Albanian W/T operators secured from the British service were moved to the Guard Company in Germany for assessment and further training. Also, 97 Albanians were screened for W/T ability and 23 candidates were selected as a preliminary pool for W/T training.

Two doctors were moved from Rome to the Guard Company on 16 February.

b. Administration - [ ] BOFIELD Psychological Warfare Officer was in Washington from the 19th to the 29th of February for headquarters conferences. He is returning to Athens after a brief stop-over in Rome for a conference with [ ] BOFIELD liaison officer with the NCFA.

C. Reactions

No report

D. Conclusions

1. Favorable conditions of which advantage was taken:

Negative

2. Problems encountered:

Agent operations were brought to a standstill due to adverse winter conditions.

3. Deficiencies noted and corrective action taken:

Negative

4. Lessons Learned:

The letter from the team leader mentioned in section B, para 1a provided us with an extremely detailed account of the team's activities since its infiltration in late 1950. It gives us a clearer understanding of team problems in the field, the increased effectiveness of the security forces, the rashness of the team leader who disobeyed instructions and proceeded to procure arms in Yugoslavia, engage the security police in gunfights, and write letters about his activities. As a consequence, it is clearly apparent that more extensive briefing of agents is needed as well as a higher degree of selectivity for team leaders. It is noteworthy

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that the team found support in the area, both in terms of active volunteers and help from the local citizenry. Also, that the team continues to send letters to the NCFA evidencing a willingness to continue operations.

5. Course or courses of action to be taken:

It is presently planned to continue to develop the project in accordance with the revised project outline, appropriate policy directives, and recent field operational meetings.

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